

REMARKS

In response to the final rejection, each of the claims 1, 3 and 6 that were previously rejected have been canceled herein. Further, claims 4 and 7, which were previously indicated as being allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected base claim have been rewritten as new claims 40 and 41. Claim 8, which was also indicated as being allowable, if not dependent upon a rejected claim, has been amended to depend from new claim 41. Accordingly, new claims 40, 41, and 8 are now felt to be in allowable form.

In addition to the cancellation of claims 1, 3 and 6, claims 4 and 7 have been canceled to accommodate the replacement claims 40 and 41.

Claim 35, while previously indicated as being allowable, has been amended slightly in accordance with the interview courteously conducted with Examiner Nguyen on August 16, 2005. During that interview, the examiner noted the phraseology "cylindrical drum" and "drum" should have been – take-up roller – and accordingly that correction has been made. It should also be noted that correction has been made in new independent claims 40 and 41 so as to be consistent with the examiner's concerns. Further, new claims 40 and 41 have been amended to state that the continuous web of material has been divided into "closely adjacent" separate strips rather than – substantially contiguous separate strips – inasmuch as the examiner did not feel the strips were in fact contiguous but rather closely adjacent.

The examiner also objected to the fact that the reference numeral "82" did not appear in Figs. 5 and 18-28. Accordingly, replacement sheets have been enclosed herewith including the reference numeral 82.


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Having responded to each of the examiner's concerns set forth in the final rejection and there being no remaining issues, it is felt the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is courteously requested.

A request for a one-month extension of time is included herewith along with the \$120.00 extension fee.

Dated this 30th day of September 2005.

Respectfully submitted,


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